



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BURNS

H. H. HALLOCK, PROMINENT RAIL-ROAD MAN JUMPS FROM 8th FLOOR

Becomes Suddenly Demented, Leaps Down Light Well and Is Instantly Killed--Flames Get Entire Eighth Floor--Many Heroic Rescues.

INMATES HAVE ESCAPE CUT OFF FROM BELOW

CONFLAGRATION ORIGINATES IN QUARTERS OF PORTLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB AND SPREADS WITH FEARFUL RAPIDITY--DETECTIVE WIRING OR A LIGHTED MATCH CAUSE THE LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT \$100,000

PORTLAND, April 6.—The most spectacular fire that ever occurred in Portland destroyed the eight story of the Chamber of Commerce building this afternoon, and was the indirect cause of the death of Homer H. Hallock, right of way agent for the Willamette Traction Company, and formerly, for twenty-five years an employee of the O. R. & N. railroad at Pendleton, Baker City and Umatilla. Hallock was in the Commercial Club when the fire broke out. He seems to have become suddenly mad, and despite the efforts of several men who strived to restrain him, jumped down the light well onto the roof of the Central Court eight stories below, and was instantly killed. D. L. Cappa, head cook of the Commercial Club was seriously injured by the breaking of the life net into which he jumped from the eighth floor to the street.

The property loss is estimated at \$100,000, and is partly covered by insurance. The Commercial Club which occupied the top floor was completely gutted. The loss is estimated at \$35,000. Of the balance the loss from damage to the building is about \$50,000, and the loss from water to the tenants of the sixth and seventh floors will approximate \$15,000. Cause is Unknown.

The fire broke out in the parlor of the Commercial Club, from an unknown cause, though it is said the careless throwing of a lighted match into some of the tapestries is responsible for the conflagration. There is some ground for the belief that defective electrical construction may have been the cause.

The fire spread with wonderful rapidity, causing a panic among the fifteen hundred employees of the three hundred offices in the building. A rush was made for the elevators and the narrow and wholly inadequate stairways and the fire escapes. The upper works of the elevators were burned out almost before the fire bell stopped sounding, and the panic stricken people congested the stairs and the fire escapes.

Egress Is Cut Off. On the upper floors a serious situation prevailed. Unable to escape by the usual means of egress, the men and women crept out through the windows

He declares Hallock did not jump into the light well, but sought to escape the flames through the window looking out from the Commercial Club's rooms into the light well. An eye witness, who has offices on the sixth floor says Hallock climbed through the window endeavoring to find a foot hold with the evident intention of making his way to the seventh floor of the building, when suddenly the window to which he clung wobbled as though it had become loosened from its fastenings and in desperation Hallock grasped a wire which gave way under his weight precipitating him to the bottom of the well where he was smashed terribly. Several men tried to prevent Hallock from climbing through the window but were unable to restrain him.

WILL TELL TRUTH NO DEVELOPEMENTS

Mutual's Former Legislative Agent Willing to Speak.

WILL SHOW NO ONE FAVORS

Andrew Fields Makes Statement Declaring He is Prepared to Tell Truth No Matter Who is Hurt in Process

NEW YORK, April 6.—Andrew Fields, former legislative agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, has through his physician issued a statement declaring his intention of telling the whole truth regarding the legislative affairs of the Mutual. He denies emphatically that he has ever committed a dishonest act and that every dollar he has spent has been accounted for. He declares that by his work at Albany he saved the Mutual hundreds of thousands of dollars and that the trustees knew of his work in detail. He declares a fabrication of the story that certain records of the supply department are missing. "I am prepared to tell the truth no matter whom it may hurt, be his position high or low" he declared.

Fields is suffering from an incurable disease, but his life may be prolonged several years. His physician says he cannot see anyone for two weeks at least.

ORDERS WORK TO CEASE.

NEW YORK, April 6.—The Times today says:

The Lehigh Valley Railroad, as a result of the present situation in the anthracite coal fields, has ordered a cessation of all improvement work which can safely be postponed. The company also has taken steps to cut down in every way possible the expense of the road until such time as normal operations is resumed in the anthracite field.

YALE WRESTLERS WIN.

NEW YORK, April 6.—The Yale wrestlers won the intercollegiate wrestling championship in the Columbia University gymnasium tonight defeating the teams of Columbia, Princeton and Pennsylvania. The final score was Yale 7, Columbia 5, Pennsylvania 5, Princeton 4.

INDEPENDENTS GIVE IN

Soft Coal Independent Operators in Western Pennsylvania District Will Sign Scale.

PITTSBURG, April 6.—Peace is now assured in the mining situation so far as the soft coal fields of Western Pennsylvania are concerned. The organization of independent operators, who were holding out against granting the advance demanded by the miners at a meeting tonight decided to give up the struggle and will sign the scale.

BECAME BLIND.

CHICAGO, April 6.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Evansville, Ind. says.

Addison N. Thompson, of Jasper, Ind., foreman of the Dubois County grand jury suddenly became blind yesterday and it is stated his blindness is the result of listening to harrowing evidence of crime. These stories are believed to have injured his nervous system so as to affect the nerves regulating the flow of blood to the eyes. The grand jury has been investigating several crimes and it was noticed that Thomas was very nervous during the examination.

Situation Remains Unchanged in Anthracite District.

ARBITRATION IS DISCUSSED

Rumors That the Operators Will Flatly Refuse the Mine Workers' Proposal to Submit Their Differences to Arbitration Board.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Nothing developed in the anthracite situation today to clearly indicate what will be the outcome of next Monday's meeting between the sub-committees of the mine owners and the union leaders. Today there was no formal meeting of the operators, but most of them were in communication with one another. It was reported during the day that the arbitration offer of the miners' will be flatly refused, but it was denied by those in authority that a final decision had been reached. It was also reported that the operators may accept arbitration, but with a different sort of tribunal. The leaders of the miners' union today did not think the international executive board would favor president Winder's proposition for arbitration of the differences between the soft coal districts. A member of the board said conditions in the soft coal regions were much different from those in the anthracite fields. He pointed out that many operators have already signed the 1903 scale and that the number is increasing each day.

LITTLE CONSIDERATION.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Scant consideration is likely to be given the protest lodged by the Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland against their records for victories of certain racing machines in the last Florida tournament by the racing board of the American Automobile Association, according to today's Herald. There was not a meeting of that board yesterday as was expected, but there was a conference between Jefferson d'g Mont Thompson, chairman of the board, and W. K. Vanderbilt Jr. Several directors of the association also were in attendance.

Mr. Vanderbilt said that while abroad he talked with the officers of the automobile club of France, concerning the absence of the association.

DOWIE MUST FACE MANY CHARGES ON HIS RETURN

Elijah Will Be Charged With, Extravagance, Misrepresentation, Exaggeration, Mismanagement, Polygamous Teaching and Tyranny.

DOWIE LOSES LARGE SUMS IN SPECULATION

OFFICIALS OF ZION CITY DECLARE ELIJAH LOST SUMS AGGREGATING CLOSE TO \$1,200,000 BY SPECULATION IN WALL STREET, ALSO MUCH MONEY WAS LOST IN THE DOWIE SLUMP OF 1903

CHICAGO, April 6.—In an interview he opened accounts at four stock exchange tonight general overseer Voliva, who has supplanted Dowie at Zion, said that when the former leader of the Christian church returns to Zion City next week he will be accused of the following extravagances of the most shameful kind: misrepresentation, exaggeration, mismanagement, polygamous teachings in private, tyranny, injustice and indiscretion. Dowie will be treated fairly, according to overseer Voliva and will be given every opportunity to meet every charge and make a reply.

Officials of the church of Zion City declare it was believed Dowie had lost sums aggregating close to \$1,200,000 by speculation in wall street. It is declared

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LIST OF THE TENANTS

PORTLAND, April 6.—The list of the tenants on the seventh floor of the Portland Chamber of Commerce building, all of whom suffered severely by water and smoke are as follows:

S. Benson, lumber dealer; Boston Building Company, W. L. Boise, Jonathan Bourne, Jr., H. L. Bradley, timber; J. A. Buckley, timber; Burrows Adding Machine, George J. Cameron, Attorney; Clatskanie & Nehalem Railway, Columbia Valley Railway, G. E. Coovett attorney; J. H. Cunningham, G. V. Dammeler, G. B. Dufur, A. C. & R. W. Emmens, attorneys; W. D. Freeman, attorney; Gantenbien & Vaezie, attorneys; H. M. Hooper, M. L. Holbrook, Ellis G. Hughes, attorney; Benton Killin, attorney; King Real Estate Association, R. B. Knapp, J. G. Killgreen, contractor; R. B. Lamson, attorney; law school, University of Oregon; F. G. Martin, attorney; H. E. Martin & Co., financial brokers; John T. McKee, attorney; Richard W. Montague, attorney; J. Ordway, Oregon Fir Lumber Company; Pacific Monthly, J. M. Pearey, attorney; Pipes &

TIFF, attorneys; H. H. Riddall, attorney

John P. Sharkey, Salem Falls City & Western Railway Company, A. M. Smith S. C. Spencer, attorney; Henry St. Rayner, attorney; G. W. Stapleton, attorney; Mark Weddell, Attorney; George W. Weidler, Elwood Wiles, Contractor, and J. F. Wyvel groceries.

WILL IS FILED.

CHICAGO, April 6.—The will of the late Levie Merrick, who died March 4 was filed for probate yesterday.

The entire estate valued at \$1,000,000 consisting of Chicago real estate, and a summer home of 180 acres near Oconomowoc Wis., was left to a daughter and only direct heir, Miss Zella Merrick. Mr. Merrick lived in Chicago forty years, and made his fortune in the wholesale tobacco business.

STRIKE AT LODZ.

LODZ, April 6.—Another 5,000 workmen joined the cotton strike here today.

SENATOR WITHDRAWS.

DETROIT, April 6.—Senator R. A. Alger has issued a written announcement of his withdrawal from the field as a candidate to succeed himself. He declares his health will not permit him to go before the legislature which meets next January.

who yesterday adjourned and returned to their homes and explained the situation to the miners who hesitated to return to work. All danger of further trouble it is thought will be over by Monday when it is asserted every mine delegates from the district convention

BITUMINOUS COAL MINERS ALL RETURNING TO WORK

PITTSBURG, April 6.—Absolute peace and quiet reign in the bituminous coal fields today where yesterday the miners showed an ugly disposition and refused to work. The general feeling of satisfaction is attributed to the arrival of delegates from the district convention

HOUSE DISCUSSES THE DEFECTS OF DINGLEY LAW

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6.—Tariff, railway mail subsidies, denatured alcohol, and endangered postal facilities for western cities were features of the debate in the house today. What were alleged to be the iniquities of the Dingley law in so far as the manufacture of watches is concerned were discussed by Rainey of Illinois whose tariff revision speech was listened to with much interest. The "so-called" stand patters made copious notes for a discussion, on protection which is foreshadowed.